

To the Right Honorable, the LORD CHAN-
CELLOR, the humble Petition of
COVENT-GARDEN.

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Sheweth,

THat having for many years past lived under great Oppressions, by the pretence of raising great sums of money for the paying of a *Minister*, and the People being divided in *Opinion*, commonly called *Religion*, where the *Godly* have always persecuted the *Loyal*; Upon the coming of His *Sacred Majesty* (who seemed rather to be descended from *above*, then returned from the *Low Countreys*) they were in great hope to be relieved; yet so it is, that the same Persons that did formerly torment them, being continued still in Authority, they are still troubled by vexatious *Suits* at the *Common Law*, by which means they are much hindered from following their *Lawful Callings*.

Wherefore we do humbly desire, that one Dr. Babre, who hath been a chief Instrument in troubling the Parish ever since he came into it, and hath often threatned that we should have no *QUIET* as long as he continued in Commission of *PEACE*, may be removed out for these following Reasons.

1. He was a *Physician* to *Cromwel* in *Scotland* against the *King*.
2. He was employed by *Cromwel* for the taking away the Life of *Parliament Sa*, and had been hanged himself if he had not got *Cromwel*'s Pardon, to whom he was a *Pentionary Spye*.
3. He indicted a very goodly *Captain* of the *Parliament* for treasonable words against *Cromwel*, and endangered his Life without giving him any *Physick*.
4. He was indicted himself by the *Parish* for *Forgery*, the Indictment found, and his Ears like to have been lost.
5. He is a general *Solicitor* practicing to set Man and Wife together by the Ears, as in *Mrs. Fuyes Case* it was plainly seen, when her *Council* told him, that if he had studied the *Law* he would have been an excellent *Physician*, because studying *Physick* he was become so excellent a *Lawyer*.
6. Being *Physician* to his *Sacred Majesty*, if he were an honest man, he would study his *Profession*, and leave his *Law-Suits*, and broking in other mens affairs.
7. 'Tis a great discouragement to the *Bench of Justices*, that when they should send a *Vagabond* to be whipped, His Majesty should send His *Physician* to cure them.
8. He is a *Knight* of the *P.* a common *Affidavit-Man*. &c.
9. He is a *Physician* at the *Court*, a *Doctor* at the *Colledge*, a *Committee-man*, a *Militia-man*, *John Babre*, and *Jack of all Trades*, *Spye* to all sides, a *Plague* to all his Neighbours, and a *Pestilence* to the whole *Town*; and therefore we come unto your Honor in the words of *Robert Wisdom*:

Help Lord, for good and godly men
Malicious are as Devils;
You Our good Angel, onely can
Seal up these pious Evils.

And as in duty bound, we shall pray, &c.

Bedford Berry, Charles York,
St. An. Shandois, Bridges Bowstreet,
Piazza King, Amen Manto,
Henrietta Bedford, Todos Amicos.
James Russel,

Witnessed by Dⁿ Don
Jun. 26th 1668.